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SUBJECT: EXPLORATORY TALKS REGARDING 1962 BRUSSELS
CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SHIPS

1. GFRG IS NOW IN FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETING INTERNAL
RATIFICATION PROCESS FOR BECOMING A PARTY TO THE 1962
BRUSSELS CONVENTION ON LIABILITY OF OPERATORS OF NUCLEAR
SHIPS. FRG RATIFICATION WILL BRING CONVENTION INTO FORCE.

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USG HAS NOT SIGNED THIS CONVENTION BECAUSE THE CONVEN-

TION'S STANDARDS APPLY NOT ONLY TO NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT VESSELS BUT TO NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS AS WELL. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS FRG AND UK ARE INTERESTED IN EXCLUDING NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS FROM CONVENTION. USG DESIRES TO EXPLORE WITH FRG AND UK METHODS OF ACHIEVING THIS MUTUAL OBJECTIVE.

2. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON INDICATES TENTATIVE ACCEPTABILITY OF DATES MARCH 13-14 IN BONN FOR TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN THIS MATTER. EMBOFF REQUESTED TO CONTACT DR. WEHRNER BOULANGER OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS OR DR. WILHELM LAMPE, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IN HAMBURG TO CONFIRM DATES AND INDICATE MEMBERSHIP OF US TEAM.

3. US TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY BERNARD OXMAN, ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR OCEANS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. OXMAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS (EB); STUART P. FRENCH, DOD; AND ERDA REP TO BE NAMED LATER. GERALD OPLINGER (PM/NPO) MAY ATTEND IF POSSIBLE.

4. EMBOFF SHOULD INDICATE IF NECESSARY THAT DATES MARCH 13-14 ONLY TIME SEVERAL US REPS AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. US STRONGLY DESIRES EXPLORATORY CONSULTATIONS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

(FOR USUN, OXMAN, LEGAL ADVISER MONROE LEIGH HAS AUTHORIZED YOU TO HEAD TEAM AND PROCEED ON BASIS OF MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY L/OES).

5. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS UK EMBASSY BONN WILL CONTACT FRG REGARDING ACCEPTABILITY OF DATES TO UK REPS.
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